

States submitting sundry nominations and two treaties which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 483. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare select policies to be offered in all States, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1380. An act to provide a moratorium on certain class action lawsuits relating to the Truth in Lending Act.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of April 6, 1995, the following reports of committees were submitted on April 18, 1995:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 719: A bill to provide for the conservation, management, and administration of certain parks, forests, and other areas, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-49).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 694: A bill entitled the "Minor Boundary Adjustments and Miscellaneous Park Amendments Act of 1995" (Rept. No. 104-50).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 268: A bill to authorize the collection of fees for expenses for triploid grass carp certification inspections, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-51).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 534: A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide authority for States to limit the interstate transportation of municipal solid waste, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-53).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 441: A bill to reauthorize appropriations for certain programs under the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-53).

By Mr. PRESSLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 84: A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel *Bagger*, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-54).

S. 172: A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation for the vessel *L.R. Beattie* (Rept. No. 104-55).

S. 212: A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for

employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Shamrock V* (Rept. No. 104-56).

S. 213: A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Endeavour* (Rept. No. 104-57).

S. 278: A bill to authorize a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Serenity* (Rept. No. 104-58).

S. 279: A bill to authorize a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Why Knot* (Rept. No. 104-59).

S. 475: A bill to authorize a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Lady Hawk* (Rept. No. 104-60).

S. 480: A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Gleam* (Rept. No. 104-61).

S. 482: A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel *Emerald Ayes* (Rept. No. 104-62).

S. 492: A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Intrepid* (Rept. No. 104-63).

S. 493: A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Consortium* (Rept. No. 104-64).

S. 527: A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Empress* (Rept. No. 104-65).

S. 528: A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for three vessels (Rept. No. 104-66).

S. 535: A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue certificates of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in coastwise trade for each of 2 vessels named *Gallant Lady*, subject to certain conditions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-67).

S. 561: A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Isabelle*, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-68).

By Mr. PRESSLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 565: A bill to regulate interstate commerce by providing for a uniform product liability law, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-69).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 720. A bill to amend rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, relating to representations in court and sanctions for violating such rule, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. COHEN):

S. 721. A bill to impose a moratorium on sanctions under the Clean Air Act with respect to marginal and moderate ozone non-attainment areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DOLE, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. FORD, Mr. KOHL, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BOND, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PACKWOOD, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SIMPSON, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 110. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate condemning the bombing in Oklahoma City.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 720. A bill to amend rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, relating to representations in court and sanctions for violating such rule, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

LEGISLATION TO DETER FRIVOLOUS LITIGATION

● Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, the United States has become the most litigious society in history. The filing of frivolous or baseless claims has begun to jeopardize our system of redress for legitimate claims. Neither the parties nor the courts can or should shoulder the costs of the frivolous, baseless, or harassing suits.

Last Congress, changes were proposed to rule 11. By law, unless Congress acted to prevent or modify those changes, they would automatically become law. This body refused to consider the changes to rule 11. Protection against frivolous lawsuits included under rule 11 were repealed by Congress's refusal to act. As a consequence, rule 11 no longer provides clear deterrence to frivolous lawsuits. The changes of last year in effect protect the abuser, not the abused.

If this Congress wishes to address civil justice reform, the first place to start is with rule 11 and frivolous litigation.

I have introduced a bill that would breath life back into rule 11 and once again deter those who abuse the court system.

Last Congress, rule 11 was changed in significant ways. Under the new, ineffective rule 11, if a court finds the rule was violated, sanctions are no longer